M-1 STREET CAR DESTROYS WOODWARD

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## STEALS \$40 MILLION FROM POT HOLE REPAIRS for 2 x-way bridges

with Rapid Transit!

Obsolete trolley system is not reasonable.

1. Creates a third competitive bus system.

Steals fares.

Pick-up stops are not shared.

Trolley stops block traffic – while bus pulls to side.

Transfers are difficult.

2. Adds congestion.

One lane of traffic is lost.

Three stops are in center of road.

More empty seats on routes.

3. Not a flexible system

Buses can: easily vary number based on demand, handle street closers for special events, parades, fire works, etc. problems include construction and snow.

- 4. Creates an ugly maze of overhead wires, which harms the image of Woodward.
- 5. Diverts government dollars;

\$40 m Michigan road money, for trolley bridges over I-94 & I-75, needed for pothole repair now.

\$25 m Federal money needed to fix existing buses.

6. A test system with buses, acting as trolleys, must be run before spending \$180 m. Penske would never race a car on a track without a test lap.

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## The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) Invites YOU to attend...

Bloomfield Township Hills Birmingham Berkley luntington

What: Woodward Avenue Rapid Transit Alternatives Analysis (AA) Community Meetings

**Why:** SEMCOG invites you to learn more about Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) and why it is moving forward as the preferred mode for further analysis. Come out and give us your input about the latest project developments.

Format: Open House and Presentation

## Where/When:

Tuesday, December 3, 2013 6 pm to 8 pm (Royal Oak, Birmingham)

BRT Example: Las Vegas MAX **Beaumont Hospital Administration Building** Free Parking in South Parking Deck - Access through South Entrance, Coolidge Hwy 3711 W. 13 Mile Rd. Royal Oak, MI 48073

ods) for CAR. Thursday, December 5, 2013 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm (Berkley, Huntington Woods) Berkley Community Center 2400 Robina Ave. Berkley, MI 48070

Saturday, December 7, 2013 11 am to 1 pm (Pontiac, Bloomfield Hills, Bloomfield Township) Why 242 St. Joseph Hospital - Anthony Franco Communications Center Auditorium 44555 Woodward Ave. Pontiac, MI 48341

Monday, December 9, 2013 6 pm to 8 pm (Detroit, Highland Park) Michigan State University Detroit Event Center - 2nd Floor 3408 Woodward Ave. Detroit, MI 48201 (elevator access through Erskine Street entrance)

Tuesday, December 10, 2013 6 pm to 8 pm (Detroit, Highland Park) **Next Energy** 461 Burroughs St. Detroit, MI 48202

Wednesday, December 11, 2013 6 pm to 8 pm (Ferndale, Pleasant Ridge) Coolidge Intermediate School - Cafeteria 2521 Bermuda St. Ferndale, MI 48220

Information that will be presented includes:

Proposed Alignments: What roadways will the BRT travel on?

Travel Times: How long will it take to travel between downtown Detroit and Pontiac on the BRT?

Feeder Bus Network: How will BRT operate with existing SMART and DDOT service?

Ridership: How many riders are projected to utilize BRT?

Evaluation of Alternatives: What factors are used to examine the ments of an alternative?

Next Steps: What is the result of the AA process? What happens after a Locally Preferred Alternative (EPA) is selected? Who are the decision-makers and what is the process for selecting the LPA that will move forward for further analysis and future. implementation?

For More Information visit www.woodwardanalysis.com, Join the Conversation at www.facebook.com/TransformWoodward and/or Contact Tiffany Gunter, SEMCOG at 313-324-3328

